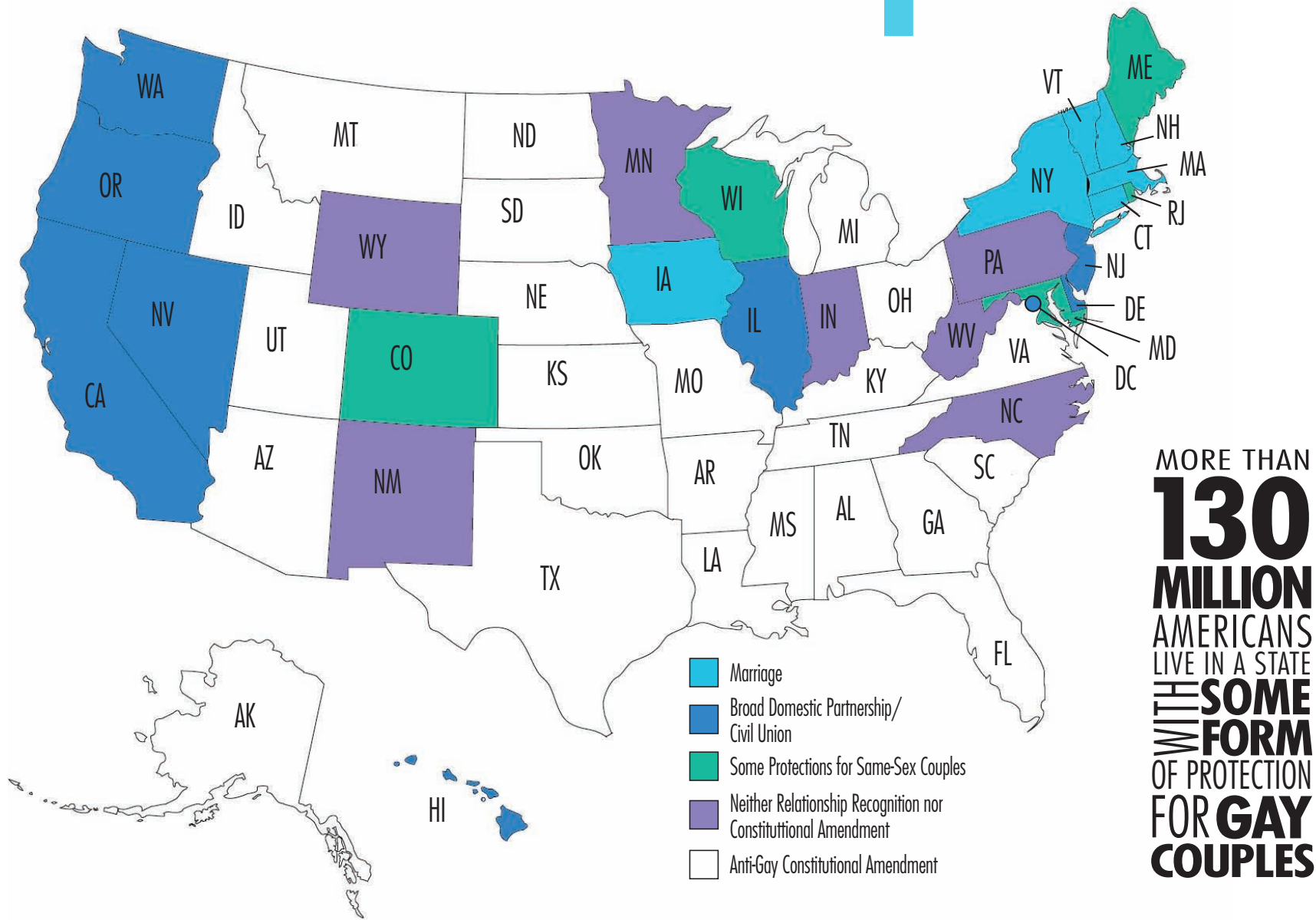




ignorance melts into acceptance



Ignorance melts into acceptance, states now legalizing gay marriage, giving rights to gay couples

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Managing Editor

The jock, computer nerd, cheerleader, art freak, band geek, the gay kid.

"When you look at people and base your opinion of them because of one word, you are only looking at the tip of the iceberg," Freshman Emily Hart, member of Common Ground, said. "At Common Ground, we get to see what's under the surface behind that one word."

New York became the sixth state in the United States to legalize gay marriage. With groups around the country rallying to support gay marriage, and support groups promoting acceptance in each state, people are asking whether or not society is taking a step forward toward equality.

In 2009, the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (www.elca.org) voted that the ministry would be open to gay and lesbian pastors and members of the church being married in states like Iowa. The ELCA continues to allow gay couples to come to church and express their lifestyle openly in a safe environment, which until recently, was unheard of.

"We see instances where we see people speak out against it and say gay marriage is not right; they use different platforms, like religion," Steve Bryant, Director of Intercultural Affairs, said. "My fear is that with religion, you have LGBT people who are religious, and they feel out of place from both environments."

With changes of acceptance being

made left and right, and the media publicizing these changes, many Americans can overlook the discrimination members of LGBT feel daily.

"The more anything is accepted into a society, you can see a push back from those who see it as wrong," Bryant said. "You can look back to the civil rights and see that there will always be people who object to these changes."

If history has shown us anything, it is that exercises toward equality like the Civil Rights movement and the current push for gay rights will be a continual battle of changing the way a society perceives the LGBT community. With every policy being passed, a lack in education holds many Americans back from understanding and acknowledging those members in the LGBT community.

According to the Center for Disease Control, more than 34,000 people in the United States die from suicide every year; 30 percent of them are LGBT. If our society is pushing for the rights of gay men and women, why is it that so many of them are forced to hide who they really are in order to feel like what society calls "normal". If our society is pushing for tolerance and acceptance, are we going with the flow or watching from the sideline until it directly affects us?

"I think it is a societal thing, where if the issue does not directly affect me than it's OK, let it be," Bryant said. "What we need to do is take the focus off of me and concentrate on the we."

Social acceptance groups like North-

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Council liaison to collect student input

PHILIP GRUENWALD
Opinion Editor

Maryville City Council student liaison Collin DeBuysere is about to release a survey to the entire student body in order to gauge their satisfaction with Maryville as a community. This is a prime example of his responsibility as a communication link between Northwest and Maryville – a link that DeBuysere calls, "win-win."

"I think the city council understands what Maryville is, and they understand how unique it is to have Northwest be such a large part of the community," DeBuysere said. "So they want to know what the students are thinking about certain issues, and they want the voice to be heard of, you know, half the population of Maryville."

After beginning his term in May, DeBuysere has served as a feedback generator for the council, providing the resource of student feedback and suggestions about Maryville's operations. His next big project is the campus-wide survey, which bows early next week.

"In the survey, they'll be able to rate the survey from unsatisfied to very satisfied or in the middle," DeBuysere said. "We'll be able to take that data back to city council and

say, 'This is what the students are feeling; this is what they see can be improved.'"

The survey is bridged, showing a different set of questions to each student, based on their housing situation and other criteria.

After the survey results are tallied, DeBuysere will present the findings to the council. From there, they will use information from the survey to assist in creating a 20-year plan for city growth, with assistance from Omaha-based urban planning company, RDG.

"They hired a company out of Omaha to work on a 20-year comprehensive plan, just growth and development and everything you could do for a city infrastructure," DeBuysere said. "And one of the things that stemmed from that was off-campus housing."

Matt Baker, vice president of Student Affairs, cautions that students ought to take the survey seriously to ensure that their needs are met.

"Students need safe, affordable housing," Baker said. "They need opportunities to engage in the community, whether that's appropriate restaurants, appropriate health care on campus or off campus."

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COLLIN DEBUYSERE

"One thing we realized pretty quickly was that we have a pretty good situation right here at Northwest."

Matt Baker

St. Joseph center moves

PHILIP GRUENWALD
Opinion Editor

Following approval from the Board of Regents Oct. 21, Northwest will move its St. Joseph Center from the downtown area to the Green Acres Building, located behind the Target shopping center on N. Belt Highway. The relocation will add convenience for students and faculty, as well as cut costs for the University.

"The current building downtown is not energy efficient," Provost Doug Dunham said. "It has a lot of air leaks... so our utility costs are usually quite high. This new building is going to be much more energy efficient and will use energy efficient systems. We estimate that we will save at least 50 percent on utilities."

All 161 students enrolled at the St. Joseph Center are pursuing graduate degrees primarily in business and education. These degrees are also offered at Northwest's Maryville location. The purpose of the St. Joseph Center, then, is convenience for faculty, staff and students living in that area.

Formerly an infirmary, the Green Acres Building's historic status limits the amount of structural renovation Northwest can

perform on it. Dunham is not concerned and neither is Melody Messner, assistant director of the St. Joseph Center.

"The wing that we are going to occupy, as does most of the building, contains really small bedrooms," Dunham said. "So the historic preservation doesn't allow us to tear down hallway walls, which is fine with us, but they do allow us to tear down the walls between the rooms... Dr. Messner mentioned that it's perfect for the type of classroom that we want because (Interactive Television), rather than having wide rooms, needs narrower rooms."

This will result in five classrooms – one more than is needed for the current amount of students – allowing for enrollment growth. For students' benefit, the increase in square footage eliminates the need for metered street parking. Student parking, formerly compensated by the University, will now be free of cost. This is yet another perk that pleases Dunham.

"The visibility and the convenience for students and faculty, I think, is the big plus," Dunham said. "So it's really that we're moving towards something, not away from something, because this was just a great opportunity and an opportunity to save costs."



FLAG RAISING CEREMONY



SKYE PEPPER | NW MISSOURIAN

German foreign exchange student Sarah Schaaf raises her home country’s flag on Walk-Out Day last Friday. Each year new flags are raised in the International Plaza to display Northwest’s ties to nations around the world through currently enrolled foreign exchange students. Always increasing, more than 50 different nations are represented in the plaza as Northwest continues to stride toward diversity.

Campus Chats offer unique opportunity

TREY WILLIAMS
Editor-in-Chief

Starting Oct. 31, faculty and staff will have the opportunity to sit down with President John Jasinski and ask him questions regarding the University. And not to be left out, Nov. 1, students will get the chance to do the exact same thing.

These Campus Chats are a way to give students, faculty and staff, along with Jasinski, an avenue for two-way communication.

“I know that Dr. Jasinski is always looking for ways to communicate with all of our constituents,” Mitzi Lutz, chief public relations officer for University Relations, said. “In August, we had an all-employee meeting... we surveyed a lot of faculty and staff and they really appreciated Dr. Jasinski’s Q and A portion of the meeting; although at the same time, he felt a little bit rushed.”

Jasinski, along with University Relations, wants to emphasize the importance of having these Campus Chats in an open and relaxed environment.

“We looked at this as a good opportunity for Dr. Jasinski to visit with faculty and staff in this relaxed atmosphere... this is nothing like a formal State of the University address,” Lutz said. “And even the location of the one for students we’re keeping in

mind where they are at that time of the day, and so we’re having that in the food court dining area.

“Again, trying to emphasize that it is informal communication, yet two-way communication.”

Lutz said they hope that this can be the first of many Campus Chats in which Jasinski is available, or accessible to students, faculty and staff.

“We are not fishing for anything – we truly aren’t. We just want to make Dr. Jasinski accessible to faculty, staff and students,” Lutz said. “He’s a busy man, everyone is busy, students, faculty and staff. So, this is just an opportunity; he has set aside time on his schedule to make himself available to these constituents.”

Faculty and staff are welcome to go at 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, and 9 p.m. Nov. 1, to the Student Union Living Room. And for students, Jasinski will be available from noon to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, in the J.W. Jones Student Union food court dining area.

“Campus Chats are an ongoing mechanism to promote two-way communication, as well as an open and transparent environment,” Jasinski said. “We strongly desire to hear the voices of those uniquely situated in our living and learning environment, and our hope is to stimulate thoughts and comments through Campus Chats.”

Fending off the flu virus

KERI PETERSON
Missourian Reporter

Missourians prepare for battle against their old familiar foe: flu season. According to the CDC and Prevention, getting a flu vaccine is the single best way to protect yourself and your family.

“And students can get that here at the Wellness Center,” clinic supervisor Jody Frueh said.

According to the CDC, the three strands of influenza the vaccine protects against are the same ones the Food and Drug Administration selected to include last year.

“Each year, the scientists try to find what they think will be ‘problematic’ for the flu season, and this year, what we have in the flu vaccine is to protect against influenza A, influenza B, and then the H1N1,” Frueh said.

Barb Mullock, a registered nurse and infection preventionist at St. Francis Hospital, said the main symptoms of influenza are not nausea and vomiting like some people think; they are usually body aches, fever, chills and respiratory symptoms, like coughing. There can be some nausea, but it is not the main symptom.

People at high risk for serious flu-related complications are pregnant women, children under five, but especially under two, people with certain chronic medical conditions like asthma and obesity and people who live in nursing homes and long-term facilities. According to the CDC, it is vitally important that these people get the flu vaccine, and the individuals caring for them, from health-care providers to baby sitters, should get vaccinated as well.

There is nothing to worry about when it comes to contracting the flu from the flu shot; this common fear is simply a misunderstanding.

“Because it’s not a live virus, you really can’t get the flu from it,” Frueh said. “Sometimes people have some soreness at the site where we gave the injection, and sometimes people may notice some mild cold symptoms, but you cannot get the flu from the flu shot.”

Washing your hands is also essential to staying healthy during the flu season, and all year long for that matter. It is also important to drink lots of water and get plenty of sleep. Keeping your immune system up will help protect against catching the flu, and if you do get sick, stay home and rest.

“You need to give yourself a little tender-loving-care, because the longer you stay up and don’t take care of yourself, the longer it’s gonna be before you feel better,” Frueh said.

The Wellness Center is offering flu shots to students again this year for \$20, and they are encouraged go and get one.

“The sooner that gets in your system, the better off you will be as far as protection,” Frueh said. “Students can still walk in while we still have our supplies left. Once we use our supplies up, we won’t be getting any more of it.”

New club promotes giving back, University involvement

TREY WILLIAMS
Editor-in-Chief

One for one. That is the message.

One person, Blake Mycoskie, founder of TOMS shoes, sparked a movement that strutted onto college campuses nation-wide.

And now, one student, junior Jena Danner, is bringing this movement, this message, this idea of giving back, to Northwest.

“I’ve worn TOMS for like, four years,” Danner, TOMS club president, said. “They’re the only shoes I wear just because every time you buy a pair, they give a pair to a child in need and I wanted to promote that on campus – giving back to people who are less fortunate.”

Though they have yet to officially meet this year, Danner said they already have some ideas underway. She hopes to get out in the community for community service and to give back. The club also plans to continue doing the TOMS One Day Without Shoes on campus and other activities to get students, faculty and staff involved.

“Our biggest thing (we hope to do) is the One Day Without Shoes event, which is exactly what it sounds like,” Danner said. “You just go one day without shoes to bring awareness for those kids you’re giving the shoes to.”

“We’re obviously going to promote don’t wear shoes that day, we’re going to try and get Dr. Jasinski involved because he’s a big TOMS supporter and see if he’d be willing to go without his shoes.”

For a club that is just getting underway, there is already a decent amount of talk surrounding it and with already 100 members, people are showing an interest.

TOMS Shoes has proven to be an avenue for college students and other consumers to make a difference. That is the reason Danner has worn only TOMS for four years and the driving force to bringing it to campus.

“I think people like the idea of knowing they’re making a difference in the life of someone else,” Danner said. “To see those pictures of those cute kids wearing TOMS makes you feel so much better like ‘Hey, maybe I gave those TOMS to them.’”



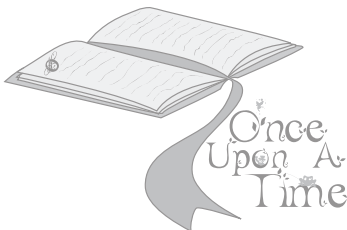
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Competitive	Third Place: Blue Key Honor Society Second Place: Sigma Alpha Iota First Place: Sigma Society	
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Highly Competitive	Third Place: Sigma Sigma Sigma Second Place: Alpha Kappa Lambda & Phi Mu First Place: Alpha Sigma Alpha	
Competitive	Second Place: RHA First Place: Sigma Alpha Iota & Sigma Society	
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Weekend Events

Friday, October 28	
Second Annual Bearcat Invitational Mock Trial Tournament J.W. Jones Student Union	St. Jude Up 'til Dawn Team Sign Ups Walk-in flu shot clinic 8 a.m. at Wellness Services
DeLuce Gallery: Tintype Mosaic Exhibit by Marydorsey Wanless Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Volleyball vs. Fort Hays State 7 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
Main Event Conference Kansas City, Mo.	An Evening of Ray Bradbury: "The Flying Machine" & "To the Chicago Abyss" 7:30 p.m. at Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts
Saturday, October 29	
Second Annual Bearcat Invitational Mock Trial Tournament J.W. Jones Student Union	Soccer at Southwest Baptist Bolivar, Mo.
DeLuce Gallery: Tintype Mosaic Exhibit by Marydorsey Wanless Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Football at Missouri Southern 2 p.m. at Joplin, Mo.
Main Event Conference Kansas City, Mo.	Volleyball vs. Emporia State 3 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
St. Jude Up 'til Dawn Team Sign Ups	An Evening of Ray Bradbury: "The Flying Machine" & "To the Chicago Abyss" 7:30 p.m. at Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts
Austrian National Day	
Sunday, October 30	
DeLuce Gallery: Tintype Mosaic Exhibit by Marydorsey Wanless Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Last date for 25 refund on dropped 2nd block courses
Main Event Conference Kansas City, Mo.	Tower Choir Concert 3 p.m. at Conception Abbey
St. Jude Up 'til Dawn Team Sign Ups	Catholic Mass 7 p.m. at Newman Center

Legislation reimburses educators

MARY CONNORS
Chief Reporter

In a perfect world, students would come to class each morning eager and anxious to learn, the playground would sound more like a cheerful environment instead of a war zone and school budgets would overflow for class rooms each and every year. In reality, the closest that teachers will ever get to that euphoric atmosphere is with the teacher tax deduction, thanks to U.S. Congressman Sam Graves.

On Oct. 12, Graves introduced legislation to extend the tax deduction that reimburses teachers for the money they personally spend for classroom supplies until Dec. 31 2017.

Teachers, aides, counselors and principals who are either part-time

or full-time have the advantage of deducting qualified supply expenses of \$250 from their gross income portion on their taxes. Teachers that work full-time can increase their deduction to \$500, but receipts must be saved and turned in during tax season.

Since 2001, Graves has supported the federal tax deduction as a way to nationally recognize teachers and show appreciation.

“Every year, teachers across Missouri dip into their own pockets to purchase classroom supplies they believe will benefit their students and create a better learning environment,” Graves said. “We should support teachers who are going the extra mile for our children.”

Maryville High School art instructor Lisa Loe has had the privilege of being an educator for over 17

years and recalls times when she used to spend money monthly to provide for her classroom.

“The budget I have now covers what I need, but as a teacher you want to go above and beyond to enhance the learning experience any way you can,” said Loe. “This deduction helps smaller-budget schools considerably.”

The eligibility of qualified expenses varies from books, computer equipment, software, markers, rulers, paper and other materials that assist in educational advancement.

“The fact that the government acknowledges all we do makes me appreciate their efforts,” said Loe. “We have to have certain things to run our classroom, and the credits help us to recover money well spent.”

Walgreen’s host Drug Take Back

BEN LAWSON
Features Editor

Maryville Walgreen’s will host the Drug Enforcement Administration’s Drug Take Back program this Saturday.

The national program allows people to turn in their unused prescription drugs to a collection site in order to prevent potential abuse and to provide an environmentally safe method of disposal.

Prescription drugs can be dropped off between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday at Maryville Walgreen’s at 1114 S. Main St.

DEA spokesman Scott Collier says this is the third Drug Take Back Day the DEA has organized, and it will not be the last.

“We have collected almost 500,000 pounds of prescription

drugs so far, so we will keep doing this until the need is no longer there,” Collier said.

On the first Drug Take Back Day in Oct. 2010, the DEA collected 242,000 pounds of drugs nationally and on the second one in April 2011, they collected more than 300,000 pounds. There are about 5,000 collection sites nationwide.

Collier says prescription drug abuse is the second largest form of drug abuse in the U.S. He says a big need for the program is when teenagers seek to use prescription drugs recreationally, they typically use drugs found in their own homes.

“If there is anything we can do to alleviate the supply (of drugs to teenagers,) then it’s a good thing,” Collier said. “This program may prevent a young person from getting their hands on something they don’t

need to abuse.”

Collier says typically when people dispose of the drugs, they flush them down the toilet or put them in the trash, which goes to a landfill. This has led to traces of prescription drugs being found in water supplies. He says drugs turned in on Drug Take Back Day are disposed of safely.

After the DEA receives drugs from a collection site, they are taken to an Environmental Protection Agency-approved facility and burned.

Walgreen’s pharmacy department head Theresa Rowan approached Maryville Public Safety about participating in the program.

“A lot of our customers were looking for ways to dispose of their drugs, and I just thought it would be a good service to the community,” Rowan said.

HOMEcoming PARADE



SKYE PEPPER | NW MISSOURIAN

Taylor Ramsey, Michael Eppley, and Kaitlin Kanus walk down the parade route during Homecoming weekend in front of their first place jalopy.

Job growth bill put on hold again after adjournment

JACKI WOOD
Chief Reporter

A bill to spur job growth and retention has hit yet another roadblock in the Missouri legislature.

One of the issues being considered during the special legislative session that began Sept. 6 includes Senate Bill 8, a measure to stimulate economic development and modify tax credit programs.

But, the volleying back and forth between the House and the Senate looks to have doomed the bill, at least for this session, which the Senate officially adjourned Oct. 25.

It was proposed by senate leader Robert Mayer and passed in the Senate in September before trav-

eling to the House, where several amendments were added.

Among those modifications were new incentives to attract both amateur sporting events and the export of Missouri products, changes to the state’s tax credit system for future job creation, encouraging the establishment of data storage centers and funding for job training. It also included an amendment to reduce the state’s corporate income tax from 6.25 percent to 5.5 percent.

“With enhancements to its tax structure,” Daniel P. Mehan, Missouri Chamber of Commerce president, said, “Missouri could capital-

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OUR VIEW: LGBT AT NORTHWEST

The myth we call tolerance

Northwest seems willing to accept alternative lifestyles. We have a well-known LGBT group on campus, who even took part in the homecoming parade. We pat ourselves on the back, proud of our tolerance.

Yet when asked about their opinion of Common Ground, students' resounding answer was, "They should be allowed to do what they want to do; it doesn't affect me." They have found the exact point where tolerance becomes indifference. Common Ground's mere existence affects all Northwest students, and we are burying our heads in the sand if we think otherwise.

A popular American phrase says, "Just because you can, doesn't mean you should." And without launching

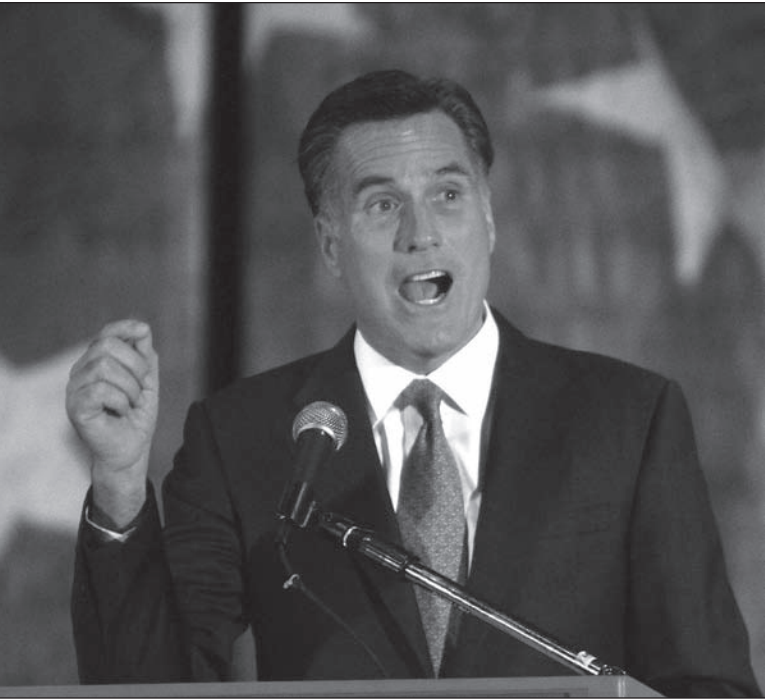
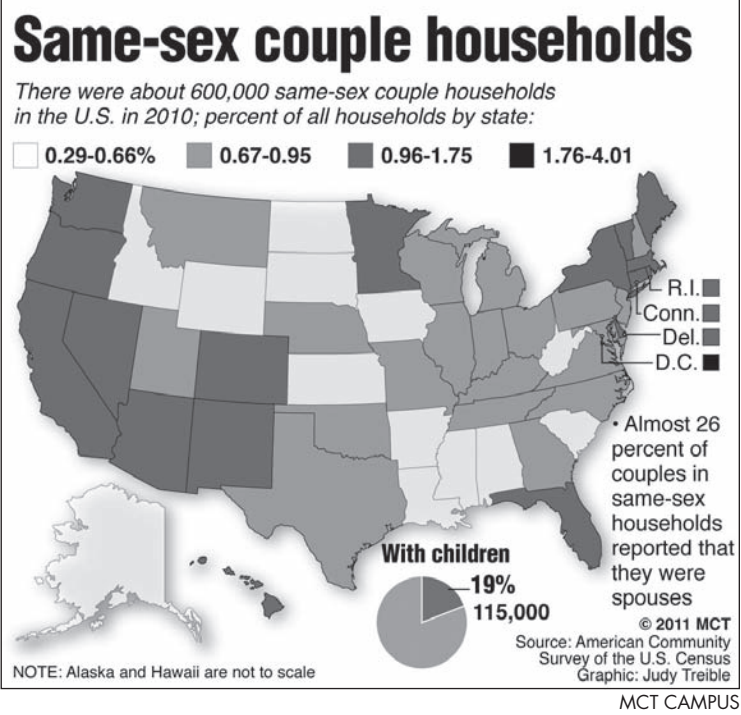
into a discussion on meta-ethics, that little rule can be very helpful when determining a student's analysis of a subjective and morally debatable entity like Common Ground. Should they have the right to exist just because they can? No. Students ought to make an evaluative decision about their worth, either positive or negative.

Ergo, a student's internal dialogue may sound something like this: "Common Ground allows me to interact with people whose culture I am unfamiliar with and do not know much about. They promote peace, love and acceptance. Their events are light-hearted, and act as a support group for members who are easy targets for ridicule and harassment."

Or, the student could say this: "Their ideals differ from what I believe. Their unconventional gender roles are confusing, and their boldness makes me uncomfortable. They also seem to only accept people who accept them."

With either choice, the student has arrived at a sensible conclusion. By using rhetorical and applied reasoning, they are making an informed decision, and not relying on the apathetic belief of "live and let live, it doesn't matter to me."

Northwest students, take the time to think about the big issues. After you have made your informed decision, speak it with confidence. Having an opinion is not controversial – it is conversational.



Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney addresses supporters during a Faith and Freedom Coalition Rally in Orlando, Fla., Sept. 22.

RELIGION COLUMN: GOP ELECTION

Can we elect a Mormon?

BY REV. ANDREW LOVINS
Community of Faith Church
Contributing Columnist

A prominent evangelical preacher recently tried to lampoon Republican Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney, stating that he was unfit for the office because he belonged to a cult. The cult he was speaking about was the Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the Mormons.

Like the feisty preacher, I grew up with a negative impression of the Mormons. Charges of polygamy, celestial marriage, the subjugation of women, denial of the sufficiency of Scripture and a questionable Christology were all part of the assault to discredit the Mormons.

Fast forward 25 years. With a wife, three children, a miniature schnauzer and Mormon neighbors flanking me, I have softened. My Mormon neighbors are a model of hospitality, are hard working and they never keep me awake on the weekends, unlike my University friends who can't seem to tell what time it is. My Mormon neighbors are the least of my worries.

Don't get me wrong, I don't agree on many points of doctrine with the JCLDS. Calling the JCLDS a cult, however, is too harsh. They are nothing like Jim Jones and The

People's Temple. Sociologically, they don't hold a candle to David Koresh and the Branch Davidians. The JCLDS has a world class university, Brigham Young, with respected leaders at the helm; Mormons actively participate in community life and dialogue with other Christian groups. A JCLDS representative is, in fact, part of the Maryville Ministerial Alliance. Those aren't signs of a cult!

Besides, should we make doctrinal orthodoxy a litmus test for holding national office? I'm sure that some Christians would say so, but that kind of religious test is unconstitutional. Moreover, the church has cautioned against a narrow view. "I would rather be ruled by a competent Turk than an incompetent Christian," Protestant reformer Martin Luther said.

So, go ahead and pray. Debate. Campaign for your favorite candidate. Send a few dollars to the party of your choice and, above all, cast your vote. But for the love of God and country, don't vote for or against somebody just because they are a Christian. Stop with the unsavory labels too. We elect presidents in this country, not pastors, and we do so because it take a whole lot more than "a little talk with Jesus" to be the leader of the free world.

New audio text technology, finally



Ford is installing a new feature in its vehicles, as well as many older ones that can read text messages out loud. It's about time.

No, that wasn't a typo. The new 2012 Ford vehicles, along with many older models, will be installed with Sync, voice-activated technology in hopes of reducing texting while driving.

Yes, we are all guilty of this, when we get a text while on the road and it just can't seem to wait. Well, thanks to Ford's new technology, it doesn't have to, and you're still being safe; it's a win-win situation here. Sync uses a Bluetooth connection that syncs with phones and will alert the user when they receive text messages, reads them aloud and even lets the user respond without having to take their hands off the wheel. In order to install the technology, owners will be able to download the upgrade from the Ford Sync

site onto a USB with print-out instructions. Older models that have Sync will soon be able to make the upgrade. Sounds complicated, but it's a little price to pay for safety.

This technology should come as a no-brainer to all car and cell phone companies. The National Safety Council estimates that at least 1.6 million accidents a year are caused by cell phone use. We've all witnessed, or been the one doing it, whether it's the lady pulling out of Walgreen's doesn't seem to pay attention to anything else but the text message she is reading, or the man going 10 mph forgets to look up from his phone and see that the speed limit is actually 30.

We shouldn't really need data or statistics to prove that texting and driving is dangerous, but there seems to be a lot out there. We also shouldn't even need an explanation on how this could lower the number of accidents due to texting and driving.

Texting and driving increases the risk of an accident by an astounding 23 times. That's 23

times more than it should happen in the first place, which is probably what's behind Ford's thought process as well. Texting also causes drivers to drift into the other lane 10 percent more than if they weren't on their phones.

So, the question is this, in an age where most car companies have Bluetooth integration features, why has it taken this long for something like this to come around?

One factor for the slow adoption is that not many phones integrate with text-to-speech features like Ford's, such as the iPhone. This could be a very simple problem to get around, however. If Sync is a true success, which any number lower than 1.6 million would be, many phone and car companies will surely start to jump on the bandwagon with the idea. It's just the matter of getting the right equipment and putting it all together in the right place.

If we can have phones that allow us to video chat with people across the country, saving a few lives shouldn't be that much more of a burden.

Solutions in law enforcement, not blame



Eleven-month-old Lisa Irwin went missing from her home in Kansas City, Mo., sometime between 10:30 p.m. and 4 a.m. Oct. 4. In little more than 48 hours, police had searched more than 300 homes with no sign of baby Lisa. The search continues to this day.

During the search for Lisa, allegations against her parents, Deborah Bradley and Jeremy Irwin, surfaced. Allegations include Bradley's failure of a polygraph test and statements that she was drunk and may have blacked out on the night of Lisa's disappearance. Early in the case, police had advanced theories that Lisa died in an accident at the home or one of the parents shook her to death in a fit of anger.

New allegations have developed. Lawyers for Lisa's parents

say that police have pushed Bradley and Irwin unreasonably into a confession.

Attorneys say the couple still answers questions posed by investigators and are prepared to continue cooperating. Yet, Steve Young, spokesman for the police, called Lisa's parents uncooperative because police weren't getting the information they needed. In fact, two days after Lisa's disappearance, a police spokesman announced that her parents stopped cooperating with officials.

Since then, police and attorneys have been fighting over what constitutes as cooperation in this investigation. It's sad that the investigation regarding this baby girl's disappearance has been reduced to adults fighting over what it means to cooperate with authorities, instead of getting evidence that could locate Lisa or help investigators figure out what happened to her. It seems like this case is splitting into two decidedly different stories.

When did society become more obsessed with tiny details that don't matter over the things that really matter in this case? The bigger deal here is Lisa's disappearance, not about her parents being uncooperative by refusing to sign a confession.

This case needs to be about locating an infant, dead or alive, not about exploring everything that could incriminate her parents. It's true that her parents could be responsible for her disappearance, but that needs to be proven with hard evidence like DNA testing or an alibi that doesn't quite measure up before pulling possibly fictitious stories out of nowhere.

Our investigation system needs to be more focused on the victim rather than who the suspects might be. The allegations against Bradley could prove her guilt, but until there's enough evidence that says as much, this needs to be forgotten. The investigators for this case need to remember that baby Lisa is the real victim here.

CAMPUS TALK

Would you attend a Common Ground event? Why or why not?



"Absolutely. I have no problem with it. I've always kind of agreed with letting everyone kind of do what they want, let them be who they are."

Christopher Smith
Financial Services



"It always depends on the person. We cannot say if (homosexuality) is wrong or right – it always affects their feelings. It just depends on their choice."

Sreevani Gaddam
Graduate student, Applied Computer Science



"I have no reason not to go to one. I'm not against homosexuality or anything. I think it's their choice to make... everyone deserves to be happy."

Micah Walker
Undecided



"I'm definitely open to hearing more about other things that people are passionate about and I like sharing things that I'm passionate about with other people."

Clair Gordon
Organizational Communication



"As a multicultural organization leader, I feel that it is good to support other organizations and I would consider going to an event if it piqued my interests."

Yahaya Gwanma
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SAC HOMECOMING CARNIVAL



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Sophomore Savannah Campbell plays Shockwave at the Student Activities Council carnival last Friday. The Halloween themed carnival, that was part of the Homecoming festivities, featured games such as finger toss and Shockwave.

Mock trial tournament at Northwest

SARAH THOMACK
Missourian Reporter

Northwest is hosting the Bearcat Invitational Mock Trial Tournament Friday and Saturday. This competition is the first of the season for the Northwest mock trial team, and the second one hosted here.

There are 24 teams participating in the competition from near and far, including those from the University of South Dakota, Drake University and Collin College from Texas. This tournament will be a good opportunity to put Northwest’s mock trial program on the map, mock trial coach Daniel E. Smith said.

The team was competitive at regionals in February and began preparations in March for this season’s tournament. They have been working on the current case scenario since the middle of August.

“I’m pretty confident we’ll be good,” vice president Paul Wilson said.

The case that is being used for all of this year’s mock trial competitions is set in the fictional state of Midland. This year, all mock trial competitors will act as attorneys and witnesses in a court case involving a drunk driver. The case involves a crash in which the passenger dies, and the driver is being charged with murder. The

team will, at different points in the tournament, be arguing both against and in defense of the man charged with murder.

“I’m excited, a little nervous, just hoping everything goes off right,” mock trial president Paul Brothers said. “You really got to be well-versed in both sides of the case.”

The mock trial team is filled with students from various majors who volunteer to participate.

“With mock trial, you don’t have to be interested in going to law school to do it,” Wilson said.

Students can gain experience in not only law, but acting, debate and public speaking. Freshmen who are new to the team are “learning fast,” Wilson said. This first competition will be a confidence builder for students new to mock trial.

Local attorneys and judges will be the judges in the competition along with alumni from Northwest. Points are awarded based upon acting and speaking abilities and how well the attorneys know the law, Brothers said.

The first two rounds will be held on Friday, at J.W. Jones Student Union, and the last two, on Saturday, will be held in Colden Hall. The tournament allows the public to join in watching the trials.

“It’s more fun than you might think it is,” Wilson said.

H2NO

Water boil advisory drains students, staff

Thirsty students were met with non-functional water fountains wrapped in plastic, which read: “Do not use: water advisory in effect.” The advisory began at 7:30 a.m. Oct. 26 and is expected to last until at least Friday.

Repeat email blasts from Northwest administration reminded students that this is a boil advisory issued from Maryville and not a boil order issued by the Environmental Protection Agency or other authority figure. To compensate for the inconvenience, the Office of Student Affairs provided free water bottles for any student wielding their Bearcat Card. A water truck was also in the Student Union parking lot to refill water bottles.

Follow our Twitter account @TheMissourian for updates on the advisory and its cancellation date.

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LIAISON

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pus. They need anything any community member needs.”

Baker and then-mayor Chad Jackson are the two people mainly responsible for the liaison position. In June 2010, they attended the International Town and Gown conference in Ames, Iowa, which served as the impetus for recreating the student liaison model in Maryville. The conference featured workshops and sessions about common problems for communities with colleges or universities. And while Maryville is no stranger to some of the problems – excess waste after move-out days was one of them – Baker and Jackson saw the conference as a need to increase communication to skirt some of those problems in the future.

“One thing we realized pretty quickly was that we have a pretty good situation right here at Northwest,” Baker said. “But we also realized there are some things we can improve to help us avoid some future conflict, or long-term heartburn.”

After bringing the model of a student liaison back to Maryville,

former Student Senate President Quintin Templeton began outlining a job description. Several months later, the proposal was ready for Maryville City Council. Since then, DeBuysere, Baker and Jackson have attested to the benefits of that additional communication from the students, who represent a large portion of the Maryville community.

“Students are part of the community,” Baker said. “They pay sales tax in the community, they buy gas, they pay groceries... the bottom line goal is communication. At the end of the day, all we’re trying to do is get people in a room and communicate about how to make improvements that benefit everybody.”

As DeBuysere’s term expires in April, Jackson and the council will re-asses the position to evaluate its effectiveness. For right now, Jackson sees the liaison position continuing between Maryville and Northwest.

“I appreciate Collin’s enthusiasm,” Jackson said. “And he’s definitely a good person to be on there the first year, and to be able to put something in the process to see if that’s the model that we will continue to use, so far he’s doing it very well.”

LGBT

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west’s Common Ground strive to create a safe environment for all students regardless of race, gender or sexual orientation.

“Common Ground is such a positive experience for students,” Hart said. “I have the ability to truly listen to people and get to know something about them that most would overlook at first glance.”

With groups like Common Ground contributing their ideals of acceptance and tolerance, the question still remains, are we working toward a unified society?

“I am not a big fan of the word tolerance,” Bryant said. “You tolerate a bad hair day, or you tolerate traffic when you are trying to get home. I think that tolerance is

a step toward acceptance, and acceptance comes from education.

We struggle to accept what we do not know, and we try to fill in the blanks for what we think is the reasoning behind why a person is the way that they are, but we never ask them.”

With the effort being made to promote gay rights, policies being put in place can only serve as the base for a more unified future. While the road can be a long one for activists wanting unity, groups like Common Ground are helping create a safe haven for members of the LGBT community.

“I think legalizing gay marriage promotes acceptance and sets the ground work for equality, but the education piece is crucial,” Bryant said. “You need both policy and education to make things successful.”

GROWTH

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ize on its natural assets and become one of the more attractive regions in the nation, and perhaps the world, to locate data centers and secure our piece of the estimated \$12 billion in U.S. data center industry investment within the next three years.”

The House’s version passed by a vote of 98-48 Oct. 6 and was sent back to the Senate for reconsideration.

The Senate then made several adjustments of its own, including creating “Compete Missouri,” a combination of several existing performance-based credits; changing the number of current tax credit programs, including the Low-Income Tax Credit and the Historic Preservation Tax Credit, and incentives to support an international trade hub at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, which has been a key part of the bill from the beginning.

“An export hub would generate billions of dollars in economic

benefits and as many as 12,000 permanent jobs and 20,000 construction jobs during the buildup,” Mehan said. “This hub would open export opportunities for the entire state, and Midwest region, to China and the rest of the world.”

But the Senate’s plan stalled Oct. 17 when both sides could not agree on a timeline to work through the bill before the special session ends.

“I believe we are at an impasse, and the differences are irreconcilable in the short time remaining in special session,” Mayer said in a statement on his Senate website. “While I am disappointed that economic development/tax credit reform legislation did not become law this special session, perhaps the two and a half months between now and the 2012 session will permit: priorities to be re-evaluated, earnest and fruitful discussions to be had and solid public policy to prevail, with meaningful legislation in 2012 as the result.”

Representatives from the local Chamber of Commerce gave no comment on the situation since the bill is still pending.

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Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

Oct. 23
There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at 1000 block North Mulberry.

There is an ongoing investigation of assault at 200 block South Alvin.

Merlin G. Lininger, 38, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while suspended at 600 block North Mulberry.

Eleanor A. Kraybill, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 600 block East Seventh Street.

Oct. 22
Jessica A. Martin, 21, Glenwood, Iowa, was charged with disorderly conduct at 300 block North Market.

Devon L. Perry, 20, Rock Port, Mo., was charged with possession of an altered driver’s license at 400 block North Buchanan.

Tirrell L. Martin, 22, Kansas City, Mo., was charged with driving while

suspended and equipment violation at 100 block East Fourth Street.

Dylan J. Hambright, 19, Red Oak, Iowa, was charged with minor in possession and possession of a fictitious driver’s license at 400 block North Buchanan.

There was recovered property: bicycle at 200 block West Jenkins.

Samantha G. Caloroso, 18, Kansas City, Mo., was charged with minor in possession, resisting arrest, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of another’s driver’s license at 400 block West 16th Street.

Oct. 21
Donald J. Gander, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while suspended, possession of another’s I.D. and equipment violation at 600 block West 16th Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at 600 block North Market.

Oct. 20
There was recovered property: purse at 300 block North Market.

Oct. 19
An accident occurred between Keyonna S. Hawkins, 19, Maryville, Mo., and Megan M. Roberts, 22, Hopkins, Mo., at 1100 block South Main.

Jessie L. Lininger, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with sale of alcohol to a minor at 600 block South Main.

Casey T. Laymon, 25, Maryville, Mo., was charged with sale of alcohol to a minor at 600 block South Main.

There was recovered property: bicycle at 600 block South Main.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at 200 block North Main.

Oct. 18
Jeremy E. Smith, 31, Pickering, Mo., was wanted on warrant for failure to appear at 400 block North Market.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage on 1000 block East Cooper.

Oct. 17
Nicholas B. Mizera, 19, Maryville, Mo., and Adam D. Jenkins, 18, Maryville, Mo., were charged with drag racing at U.S. Highway 71 and U.S. Highway 136.

An accident occurred between an unknown driver and the vehicle owned by Stephanie L. Gilber, Springfield, Mo., at 200 block East Summit Drive.

An accident occurred between Richard D. Sommerfeld, 21, Maryville, Mo., and Geneva F. Spinnato, 17, Maryville, Mo., at North Mulberry and West Ninth Street. Sommerfeld was issued a citation for failure to yield.

Oct. 16
There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at 500 block West 16th Street.

An accident occurred between Michael S. Morton, 35, Maryville, Mo., and Teresa A. Carter, 55, Skidmore, Mo., at 600 block East First Street. Morton was issued a citation for failure to yield.

Eddie C. McDowell, 19, St. Joseph, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 400 block North Buchanan.

Oct. 15
Jean C. Espinal-Reyes, 19, Kansas City, Mo., Keenan J. Kahler, 20, Raytown, Mo., Alex G. Rinas, 19, Kansas City, Mo., Brandon L. Ashley, 18, Raytown, Mo., were charged with minor in possession at 500 block North Fillmore.

Edward L. Oster, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 400 block North Buchanan.

Jacob T. Hopwood, 20, Beatrice, Neb., was charged with minor in possession and failure to obey a public safety official at 300 block East Third Street.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Gung-ho response
- 7 Delay
- 10 Evans of country
- 14 Buff
- 15 Farm female
- 16 Left
- 17 Village with very little gardening equipment?
- 19 The NCAA's Runnin' Rebels
- 20 Lab, for one
- 21 Reject
- 22 Sends
- 24 Jacket label letters
- 26 Get off the shoulder, say
- 27 Entrance purchases for a conditioning program?
- 35 Actor Milo
- 36 Pool game call
- 37 Tiny beef
- 38 Fly on a line
- 39 Gives credit where credit is due
- 40 On the safer side
- 41 Rational ending?
- 42 "___ it Art?": Kipling
- 43 1955 UN joiner
- 44 What Ruth forgot to bring to pool night?
- 47 Morgan Freeman won its 2011 Life Achievement Award: Abbr.
- 48 Morning talker
- 49 Fly over the equator?
- 52 Pleased cry
- 53 Droid, e.g.
- 56 Slip through the cracks?
- 57 Like calls between drudges?
- 61 Run well
- 62 Unsound
- 63 Like Napoleon
- 64 Relaxing locales
- 65 The Hartford logo
- 66 Failures (and in another way, a hint to 17-, 27-, 44- and 57-Across)

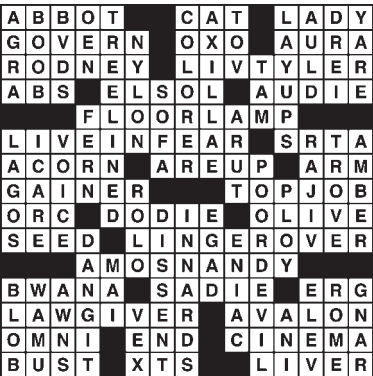
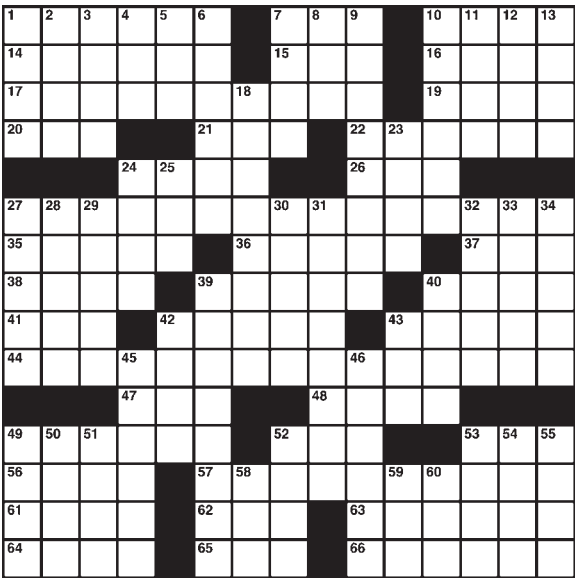
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- 1 Tune carrier
- 2 One-track
- 3 Couturier Cassini
- 4 Med. research agency
- 5 Bar opening?
- 6 Pistons' place
- 7 Last non-priest to be named

pope

- 8 "Isn't that cute?"
- 9 It involves mapping
- 10 Gripe
- 11 Reunion attendee
- 12 Stir up
- 13 Off-rd. rides
- 18 Worker with light metal
- 23 Bonkers
- 24 Slush
- 25 Radical '70s group
- 27 ___ acid: vitamin B9
- 28 Amigo on the road
- 29 Crowd starter?
- 30 "Socrate" composer
- 31 Nice compliment
- 32 Zhou ___
- 33 Happy Meals toy, e.g.
- 34 Writer of short letters
- 39 Honey
- 40 NYPD notices
- 42 Ones who've got your back, in Internet shorthand
- 43 Future George W. Bush Presidential Library site
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- 49 A-one
- 50 Food in a memorable "Seinfeld" episode
- 51 Pound of verse

By Bruce R Sutphin



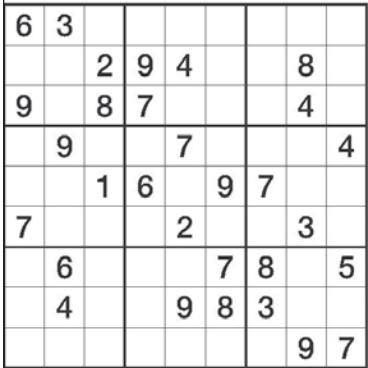
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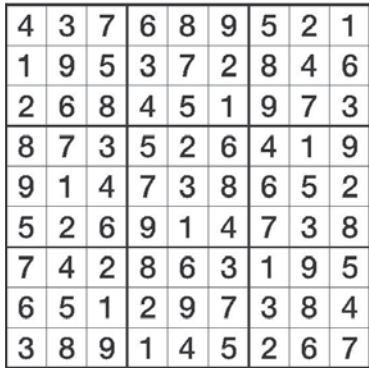
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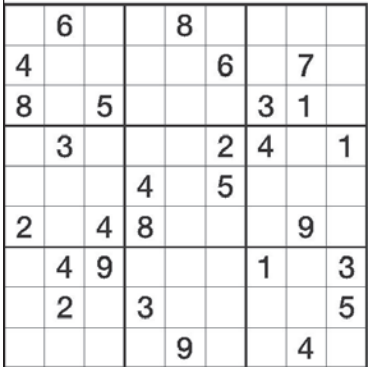


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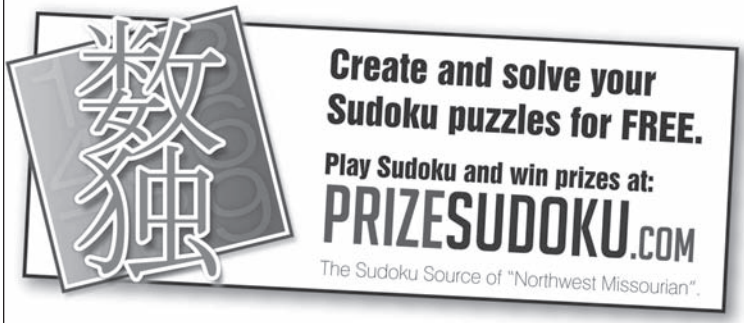
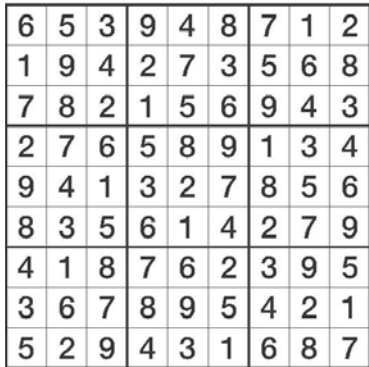
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Horoscopes:

Today's Birthday (10/27/11). Use your powers of persuasion to motivate the team. Launch new creative projects, and your focus on the artistic detail provides solid results. Discover treasure among the trash, and use it to surprising effect. Choose the path of least resistance.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Don't sweat the small stuff today. Take care of your health with exercise, good food and rest. Talk over miscommunications & listen for the gold.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Don't be afraid to ask for directions. There's no such thing as a stupid question. All is not always as it appears. A little clarification can avoid lengthy delays.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Renew connections with co-workers to see the job through their eyes. Complete old projects to make room for new achievements to flourish. Delegate and work together.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- There could be conflict between your private and public obligations. Strive for balance, and compromise where

necessary. Double-check the schedule.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Home is where you belong now, but you can feel at home any place you want. Take careful inventory of your wealth to discover the path ahead. It's quite clear.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Someone is being brilliant now. Is it you? Listen for what your ideal client really wants to create a profitable scheme. What you learn now stays with you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Reinvent the way in which you relate to money for a breakthrough in finances.

Explore new ideas for a productive phase. Relax now for the busy time ahead.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Your charisma has a magnetic pull today. You can attract romance, partnership, funding or the object of your desire. Let your light shine on what you really want.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Avoid putting it off. There's plenty of work to do. It's best accomplished in private. Don't forget about previous commitments, and keep your schedule. Study for answers. Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today

is a 7 -- Quiet time spent in thoughtful consideration of all options leads to a sparkling insight that opens an entirely new door. Use patience and persistence.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Stay close to home, and, if you need something, get it delivered. Peace and quiet suits you fine. Leave extravagance and boisterous action for another day.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Don't deplete your resources, even if tempted. Ask an analytical person for help. They may know a way to get what you need for free. Proceed with caution, slow and steady.

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HOW TO SURVIVE A HORROR MOVIE

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People in horror movies always seem to get killed off in the same predictable ways. So if you find your self being chased by a knife wielding psycho in a mask, just follow these 13 rules to survive. DESIGN | WENDY WHELAN

1 Don't check if they're dead just keep running.

It doesn't matter if the axe murderer was just run over by a semi or took a shotgun blast to the face. Getting up close to Michael Myers to see if he was actually dead that time never worked out for the cast of Halloween. Just take the bad guy down and keep moving.

2 Always be a lady.

The girl who just left Bible study wearing sweat pants is never the one to die, it is always the girl in fishnets who just got done fogging up the windows of the varsity quarterback's Mustang. So listen to your momma and cross those legs if you want to make it out alive.

3 If you find a good place to hide then just stay there.

If you feel like the murderous stalker stopped looking for you and it's safe to come out, then it probably isn't. Just stay where you are until morning.

4 Don't investigate strange noises. Period.

5 Use the buddy system. Even when showering.

Never do anything alone in a horror movie. You should even bathe in teams of at least two. But be sure this doesn't lead to the nasty or you will both end up getting stabbed through the shower curtain

6 Skip the romantic weekend getaway.

The weekend in a cabin in the woods sounds a lot better before your car is out of gas and a murderer is chasing you and your honey down a deserted country road.

7 Maintain your automobile.

Cars in horror movies always seem to be pieces of junk. Maybe if people would take better care of their cars it wouldn't stall while there is a chainsaw-wielding maniac running around.

9 If it looks deserted it's for a reason so stay away.

Seriously, nobody goes to that creepy house for a reason so just stay the eff out.

8 Follow the golden rule.

Jerks die first. So treat others as you would have them treat you. Because that chick you thought it would be cool to pour pigs blood on might just have some unexplained telekinetic powers and the potential to massacre your entire town.

10 Splitting up never got anyone anywhere.

It never worked for the Scooby-Doo gang, so why would it be any different when the bad guys really want to kill you?

11 Put your love life on hold.

The newly weds, recently engaged and high school sweethearts are in serious danger when a killer is on a rampage. So keep proclamations of love to yourself.

12 Don't dress to impress.

If you even think you may have a psycho killer cousin or ex-boy-friend somewhere, always keep a change of clothes with you. While the prom dress and high heels may look good on the movie poster, it typically means you won't live to see the credits roll.

13 Take ghost stories seriously.

Every time a cocky group of teenagers decide it's okay to ignore the old lady with a bald spot who warns people of old curses, they end up murdered. So always, always listen to your elders.

There you have it. Follow these rules and you are sure to escape the predictable gore fest of any horror movie. If you don't, prepare to join the ranks of thousands of slain, c-list actors.

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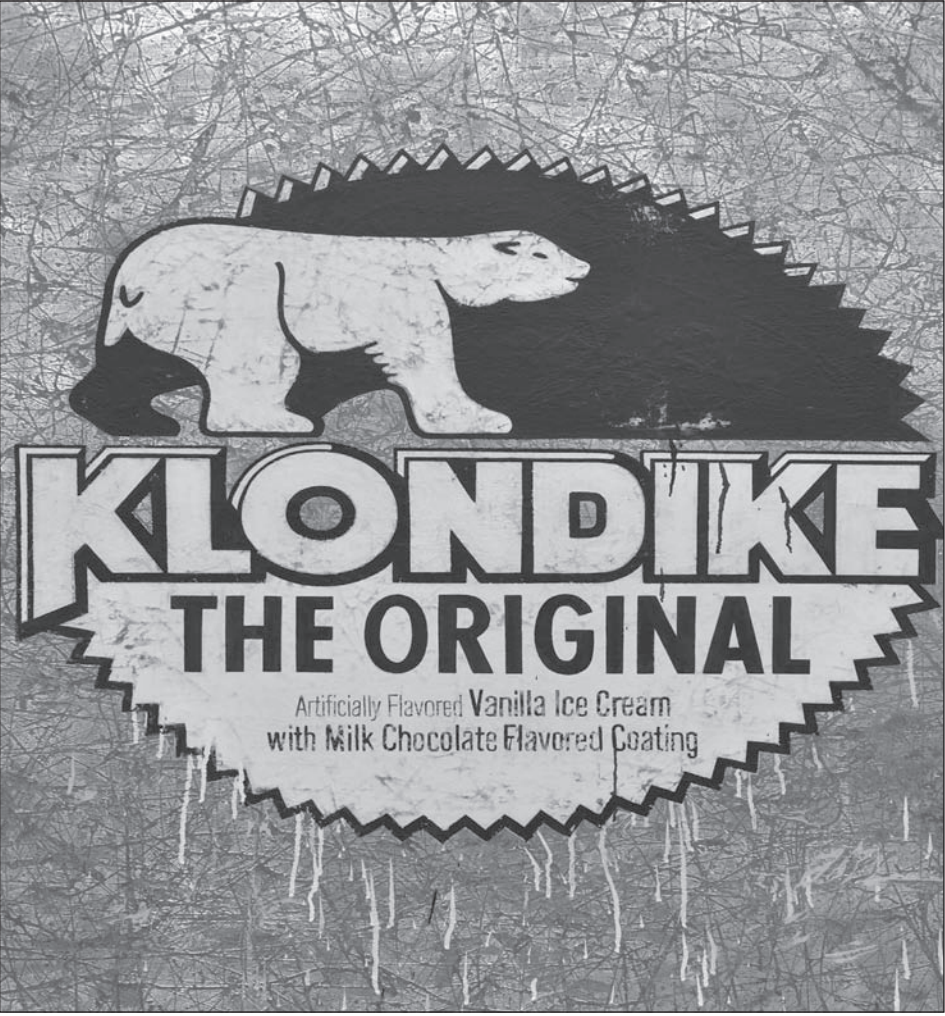
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THE STROLLER

Your man asks Dr. Jasinski

Next week, President John Jasinski is going to give you an hour out of his day to talk to you and answer questions. Since none of you are clever enough to think beyond “Why does tuition keep going up?” or “There’s nowhere to park,” I’ve taken it upon myself to think up some possible questions. And in no particular order, here they are.

President Jasinski, is that moustache real? If so, can I touch it?

Do your emails really contain “All that jazz,” or is there some missing? I think the last one left at least some amount of jazz out.

How’s that plane treating you? I thought about it the other day when I was driving my dad’s ’94 Corolla from my ghetto apartment to my minimum wage job.

How does it feel to be less popular than a guy who doesn’t even work here anymore? (Coach T, you are missed.)

Is the Gaunt House looking for a roommate? I don’t smoke too much and my girlfriend and I are usually pretty quiet in bed, at least that’s what my roommate in Dieterich told me.

Are we really Bearcat Nation? Or are we more of an independent state? What about Bearcat Province? Does that sound too Canadian?

Why does Ag Rho suck at everything?

Does a bear poop in the woods? If so, is that what’s inside my Twisted Cactus burrito?

How many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop?

Do Greeks get their own housing so the rest of us don’t have to deal with their crap?

Is there something holding up Dieterich besides magic? Because sometimes I’m not so sure.

Where’s the cream filling?

Why do some people feel the need to wear underwear with swim trunks? They have that neat little netting inside that does the job pretty well, if you ask me.

Why is room and board so expensive for people in the high rises? That rent is just too dang high. (Jimmy McMillan: what?) For all that money, I should have gotten at least a Sham-Wow. Instead, I got herpes from the mattress.

What would you do for a Klondike bar?

But no, you wasted his time by asking about parking on campus, recycling off campus, and probably why the reading room is no longer officially called the reading room. You know, stuff that really matters.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Arkham City brings classic comic to life

ERIC MIZENER
Missourian Reporter

This past week, I had mid-terms. I had tests and papers due that would have a major impact on my final grade at the end of the semester. I should have devoted countless hours to making notecards and re-reading my notes over and over again. None of these things actually happened. Why? Well, Batman: Arkham City came out last week.

Suddenly, studying didn’t seem important anymore. I had to play. I could not stop thinking about Arkham City.

Arkham City is a sequel, by Rocksteady Studios, to Batman: Arkham Asylum, released in 2009. This game picks up months after the events of the previous game. Former Arkham warden

Quincy Sharp has moved the inmates from Arkham Asylum to a quarantined area of Gotham City. The Joker is back for revenge after being defeated in the previous game and Dr. Hugo Strange is leading the charge to take down Batman.

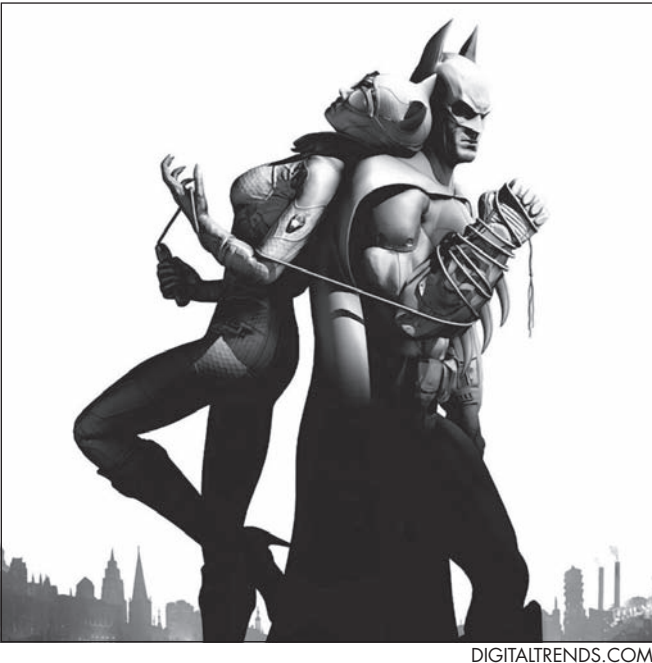
Arkham City refines the combat from Arkham Asylum by giving Bats more attacks and counters to dispose of foes. Not all enemies can be disposed of in the same way and some enemies require an attack plan beforehand. You will find yourself asking, “What would Batman do in this situation?”

The Riddler’s challenges return in addition to multiple side missions. Rocksteady encourages you to play through the main story mode again after beating it by offering up a new

game plus mode where the enemies are tougher, and the handholding from the first runthrough is non-existent.

This game is not only better than Arkham Asylum, it is also better than most other games out right now. As I am writing this review, I want to go back and play more Arkham City.

Publisher: Warner Bros. Interactive
Developer: Rocksteady Studios
ESRB: Teen
Available on: Xbox 360, Playstation 3, PC



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‘Paranormal Activity 3’ chills, disappoints fans

ALEX RASH
Missourian Reporter

“Paranormal Activity 3” falls short as the latest installment of the chilling series. While it keeps audiences on their toes, it lacks a good storyline and leaves viewers with even more unanswered questions.

The series takes viewers through the lives of two young sisters who are haunted by a demonic presence.

The movie, which is a prequel to the first two films, takes the audience back to 1988 where Katie (Chloe Csengery) and Kristi (Jessica Tyler Brown) first interact with paranormal forces. When Kristi’s seemingly innocent imaginary friend “Toby” begins to make his existence very real, the family finds their lives turned upside-down.

Christopher Nicholas Smith (“Aquarium”) plays the man of the house who becomes fascinated with the unexplained happenings. His strategically placed cameras capture unsettling moments that will have audiences on edge.

The film starts off slow and builds up to a very unhappy demonic presence that obviously doesn’t respect other people’s

homes. Of course, there are the usual abrupt motions, the throwing of various kitchen and bedroom furniture, and the chilling shrieks of all cast members, but it really brings nothing new to the table.

Directors Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman (Catfish), use the same “home-video” technique as the last two movies. This adds a raw feeling to the movie that makes it eerily relatable to audiences everywhere.

While Joost and Schulman queue the action to start earlier in comparison to the other films, it still doesn’t push the film along at a fast enough pace to give viewers a fully developed story line.

Overall, the movie had the potential to develop into a chilling success and simply fell short. While it is not the worst scary movie, it is far from the greatest.

Directors: Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman
Actors: Chloe Csengery, Jessica Brown and Christopher Smith
Release date: Oct. 21, 2011
Production Company: Blumhouse Productions and Paramount Pictures



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WHAT’S HOT

Nicholas Sparks

The well-known author has already had heaps of success with his first 16 books, six of which have been adapted into films. (Anyone heard of “The Notebook”?) His latest book, “The Best of Me,” went straight to the top of USA Today’s Best-Selling Books list in its first week.

The Walking Dead Season 3

AMC has already announced The Walking Dead will be returning for another season. Seven million people tuned in for the season two premier to watch the remaining survivors struggle in the undead wasteland.

WHAT’S NOT

Lindsay Lohan

The 25-year-old had her probation revoked Oct. 19 after an L.A. judge finally had enough of her not fulfilling her community service obligations. Lohan was cuffed and held on \$100,000 bail. Lohan’s career is on its final leg now as the actress now has more mug shots than acting deals lined up.

Jennifer Lopez

J-Lo had an emotional breakdown during a concert Saturday night after her own lyrics stirred some painful emotions. Lopez, who recently split from husband Marc Anthony, lost it after singing, “If You Had My Love.” Who says big girls don’t cry?

Netflix’s lifespan

Things are looking even worse for Netflix. Their shares fell 35 percent on Tuesday after they announced the loss of 800,000 subscribers.

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SPORTS NOTES

Sports Staff

'Cats basketball picked to finish 5th

The Northwest men's and women's basketball teams were both selected to finish fifth in the MIAA by the conference's coaches.

The women are the reigning MIAA regular season and tournament champions. They are coming off the school's first-ever appearance in the Final Four and a school record, 29-3 season.

Northwest earned 56 points, placing them in a tie for fifth with Missouri Southern.

The conference's coaches projected Washburn as the MIAA

champion with 100 points.

Senior guards Abby Henry and Shelly Martin are the 'Cats' lone returning starters.

The men were also picked to finish fifth in the MIAA.

Northwest received 64 points, tying with Pitt. State.

Just six points separate No. 3 from No. 5 in the rankings.

Defending regular-season champion Missouri Southern was predicted to repeat.

Junior point guard DeShaun Cooper leads six players returning from last season.

DISTRICTS

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finishing," Collins said. "We need to be able to show LeBlond one thing, but give them something else."

District play begins at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 31 at Cameron.

In their last game of the regular season, the Spoofhounds fell to Savannah, 1-0, on Monday.

The Savages got the lone score of the game in the 76th minute.

"It's time for our team to step up and finish," Collins said.

With four seniors, the 'Hounds understand the importance of preparing for districts.

"If we stay focused and aggressive around the ball, our team can come out with the win," senior defender Chris Holtman said.

NW FOOTBALL



SETH COOK | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore running back James Franklin escapes a Washburn defender on his way into the end zone. He carried the ball 17 times for 59 yards and three touchdowns.

FOCUS

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ond leading receiver in the MIAA with 52 catches for 769 yards and six scores. Only Central Missouri's Jamar Howard has more receiving yards.

Southern also averages just over 200 yards per game on the ground.

"Just like every other week, we're facing someone that's really good on offense," senior safety Derrick Hightower said. "We've been doing a good job stopping the run this season. Our guys up front, they do a great job of that. So the secondary, we'll worry about the pass and we'll let the d-line and linebackers handle the run."

On defense, the Lions are led by defensive tackle Brandon Williams, who commands a double-team every snap he is on the field.

"He's a tremendous player, he really is dominant at his position," Christopher said. "It's going to be important for us to prepare like we have been these past weeks and go down there and don't take anything lightly."

Williams leads the MIAA's second-ranked rush defense.

However, the Lions' pass de-

fense is suspect, ranked last in the conference.

The passing game is an area where Christopher, who returned last week and racked up 485 yards of total offense and four touchdowns for the Bearcats, thinks Southern can be hurt.

"I think every Saturday starts up front with our guys," Christopher said. "If we're getting protection like we have been, our skill guys are very good. We have a lot of confidence in them also. Our schemes have been great so far, so I know the coaches are going to draw up some plays for us this week to hopefully take advantage of some of their weaknesses."

Dorrel faces off against his mentor, Southern head coach Bart Tatum, for the first time Saturday, adding another storyline to this matchup.

Dorrel and the No. 4 'Cats kick-off at 2 p.m. Saturday with the intent to show Tatum, and the Lions, how good they are.

"I want to do well. I learned a lot from Bart," Dorrel said. "He's a good friend of mine, and he means a lot to me. He helped me get where I'm at, but with that being said, I want to go down there and do well. Show him that he's taught me well."

DREAM

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after losing one of their own.

"The story's always deserved to be told, but when Coach Bostwick passed away and you kind of saw everyone come together, alumni from all over the world. There really isn't a better time to tell the story," Dennison said.

Zornes has focused on shooting the game and doing things with the players. They are following five players, whose names cannot be published due to NCAA bylaws, before, during and after the games. They have been to everything from family barbecues to a baptism with players.

Zornes shot six hours of video last Saturday alone.

"We go to team breakfast Saturday mornings, and we're with them all throughout the day and after the game barbecues, tailgating with families," Zornes said.

Dorrel is so used to Zornes and Dennison being around, he hardly notices them anymore.

"They've done such a good job of staying out of our way, I don't even know they're there sometimes," Dorrel said.

Dennison focuses more on the fans and what they mean to the football team.

"We kind of show up. He's with the players a lot of the time, so if I'm there with a camera, I'm just kind of looking around to see what else interesting is going on," Dennison said. "The fans are such a big part of this documentary because that's what it's about, the community and the team together and what they've created and become."

The name of the documentary was the only sticking point.

"We had a lot of struggle on that," Zornes said. "It's

an hour and a half to Kansas City from Maryville and probably the entire hour and 30 minutes, we would talk about it."

Then a tattoo of a paw with a red hat hanging on a claw with the words "Dream Season" below it caught their eyes.

"We could never agree on something and then we noticed probably three or four guys have 'dream season' tattooed on them. I saw that and mentioned it, but thought it was too cliché, too corny," Zornes said. "The more we heard people talk, the more we heard them say, 'This was Scott's dream season; this is my dream season.'"

The "Dream Season" website launched Oct. 16, along with the film's debut trailer. By Monday, they had over 100 likes on Facebook, Zornes said. By Wednesday, the trailer had over 1,000 views on Vimeo.

"It's not surprising that there is so much support from the community, but it was kind of surprising for us that, so quickly, it became something people were talking about," Dennison said. "It's been really cool for people to come up to us and tell us how excited they are and how happy they are that we're doing it."

With three games to go before the playoffs, they do not want to rush getting the story out, especially after the trailer debuted later than originally planned.

"We wanted this to happen earlier in the season. We wanted this to happen like the third or fourth week," Zornes said. "We did it as soon as we could. We're a little bit behind, but we're doing all right. It worked out really well being Homecoming weekend."

With the time constraints involved from taping, editing and their full-time jobs, the duo expects to release "Dream Season" sometime in the spring, with no exact date set.

"We'll make the story available with a DVD on our website," Zornes said. "As far as that, we'd like to go to film festivals with it and also explore broadcasting it on different media outlets."

DEFENSE

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"We definitely had a lot of opportunities, 38 balls in the air," Holt said. "They couldn't run the ball, so they were subjected to throwing it every time. It was good practice for us."

The 'Hounds were able to dominate the game with their rushing attack, which they have leaned heavily on all year.

"Most of them have been playing the same position since seventh grade," Holt said. "Our kids are pretty dangerous. If we sustain blocks, you are going to get big plays."

With the loss to Savannah earlier in the season, the Spoofhounds can only win a share of the conference crown with a win over Cameron.

Cameron, (2-7, 2-4 MEC) on paper, does not seem like much of a contest for the one loss Maryville team, but in almost the same situation last year, the 'Hounds struggled

against the Dragons.

"Our biggest thing is that we have to finish," Holt said. "Last year we were in the same position and went to Cameron, and they played very good defense against us that night. We struggled to move the football."

Along with a share of the Midland Empire Conference title at stake, it is also senior night at the Hound Pound.

"We take a lot of pride in our program over the years, so we al-

ways tell the guys that it's going to be their time to be a senior one of these days. We need to support these guys," Holt said. "The seniors have supported the guys in front of them and so on and so forth, so we take a lot of pride in that. We will definitely make mention of that in the huddle."

The contest against Cameron will be the regular season finale for the Spoofhounds as they head into districts with state aspirations.

"We talked this week about mixing Maryville problems," Holt said.

"Cameron isn't very complicated in their schemes. I don't think they will come out and throw the ball on us a ton, but they run some option. It's a good opportunity for us to see that going forward. If they are going to throw it, we've given up some passing yards this year. It's no secret. So obviously we would like to clamp some of that down."

The 'Hounds take on Cameron with the conference title on the line at 7 p.m. tonight at the Hound Pound.

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NW SOCCER

MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Central Mo.....	15-1	7-0
Truman St.....	10-4-2	7-0
NORTHWEST.....	9-4-2	5-2
Mo. Southern.....	5-9-1	5-2
S.W. Baptist.....	3-10-2	2-5-1
Washburn.....	1-12-3	1-4-2
Fort Hays.....	5-11-1	2-6
Emporia St.....	1-8-5	1-5-1
Mo. Western.....	3-9	0-6

October 27:
NORTHWEST at Mo. Southern
Emporia St. at Truman St.
Central Mo. at S.W. Baptist
Washburn at Mo. Western

October 29:
NORTHWEST at S.W. Baptist
Central Mo. at Truman St.
Emporia St. at Mo. Western
Washburn at Fort Hays

NW VOLLEYBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Washburn.....	22-1	9-0
Central Mo.....	19-4	9-1
Emporia St.....	14-8	6-3
Truman St.....	16-9	5-4
Mo. Western.....	12-11	5-5
NORTHWEST.....	10-12	4-5
S.W. Baptist.....	9-15	4-7
Pitt. State.....	7-18	4-8
Mo. Southern.....	4-18	2-8
Fort Hays.....	13-12	2-9

October 28:
Fort Hays at NORTHWEST
Washburn at Truman St.
Emporia St. at Mo. Western

NW FOOTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Pitt. State.....	8-0	7-0
NORTHWEST.....	7-1	5-1
Washburn.....	7-1	5-1
Mo. Western.....	6-2	5-2
Central Mo.....	5-3	4-3
Mo. Southern.....	3-4	2-4
Fort Hays.....	3-5	2-4
Emporia St.....	2-5	2-4
Truman St.....	2-6	1-6
Lincoln (Mo.).....	1-7	0-7

October 29:
NORTHWEST at Mo. Southern
Fort Hays at Washburn
Truman St. at Emporia St.
Central Mo. at Lincoln (Mo.)
Mo. Western at S.W. Baptist

MHS FOOTBALL

MEC STANDINGS		
	Overall	MEC
Smithville.....	8-1	6-1
Savannah.....	7-2	6-1
MARYVILLE.....	8-1	5-1
Lafayette.....	5-4	3-3
Benton.....	3-5	2-4
Cameron.....	2-7	2-4
Chillicothe.....	4-5	2-5
Bishop LeBlond.....	1-8	0-7

October 27:
Cameron at MARYVILLE
Savannah at Platte City
Lafayette at Benton
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ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior running back Derek Stiens breaks through a wall of Warrior defenders. Stiens had 16 carries for 246 yards and four touchdowns.

Conference title on line Friday

CHRIS SCHOONOVER
Chief Sports Reporter

After clinching the district title last week at St. Pius X, the Spoofhounds have a chance to win a share of the conference crown against Cameron.

After forcing a punt on their first defensive series last week, junior running back Derek Stiens took the first play from scrimmage 88 yards for a touchdown for the 'Hounds. Stiens finished the game with 246 yards on 14 carries and added four touchdowns.

Stiens scored from 88, 14, 43 and 39 yards on his touchdown runs.

Junior fullback Cole Forney ran for 72 yards on nine carries and a touchdown.

St. Pius would score on their next possession, but would not score again until midway through the fourth quarter.

The Maryville defense held St. Pius to 34 yards rushing in the 41-14 victory.

The usually suspect Spoofhound pass defense was solid throughout the night, swatting down multiple passes and picking off two.

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Soccer needs to finish in district play

CRAIG SIMS
Missourian Reporter

Maryville head soccer coach Stuart Collins is looking for his team to be more aggressive in district play.

The 'Hounds have the third seed in the tournament and will play Bishop LeBlond in the first round. This is their third match-up of the season.

Both games against LeBlond this season have gone into double overtime. The two teams have split the season series with Maryville winning the latest match 1-0.

Last year, Maryville suffered a loss to LeBlond in the first game of districts.

With a new format to district play, there are only two games that are played in order to crown the champion.

"Any of the four teams can win this tournament, and if we are going to win, our focus has to be on

SEE **DISTRICTS** | A9

Volleyball advances to championship game

DALTON VITT
Chief Reporter

The Maryville volleyball team fought their way past Benton in the district semifinal for a spot in the championship game.

In the first match, the 'Hounds came out swinging and jumped to an 8-2 lead, forcing an early Benton timeout.

Initially, the timeout let the Cardinals back into the game. Maryville led 9-8, and the two teams traded points until the score was 17-15.

At that point, the Spoofhounds reeled off eight straight points, ending the game with a score of 25-15.

"It seems like we continually come out slow," head coach Lori Klaus said. "So, it was nice to come out strong and take the lead early."

The Hounds did not start the second game with the same intensity, swapping points with Benton before falling behind 9-6.

However, something clicked for the Spoofhounds at that point.

"(When Benton called a timeout) the girls said 'We need to get going and play our game. We need

to finish this,'" Klaus said.

Maryville took an 18-17 lead, and held a lead for the rest of the match.

The 'Hounds closed out their semifinal victory with a 25-21 win.

Seniors Sidney Schenkel and Kaylee Green came up big for the Spoofhounds by controlling the middle.

The 'Hounds took on Cameron last night for the championship, but results were unavailable as of press time.

Maryville suffered a 2-0 defeat at home at the hands of the Dragons earlier in the season.

"We've played Cameron before, so we know what we're up against," Schenkel said. "We're just hoping to come out strong."

The Dragons are the top seed in the tournament, posing a big challenge for the 'Hounds.

"We're going to have to play really well to win (Wednesday)," Klaus said. "But I think we're up to the challenge. The girls are really excited for the championship. (Cameron) has a big target on their back, and we're ready to hit it."



SKYE PEPPER | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior middle hitter Sidney Schenkel spikes the ball over the Cardinal defense during Tuesday night's semi-final game against Benton, a straight set victory.

ATHLETES of the WEEK



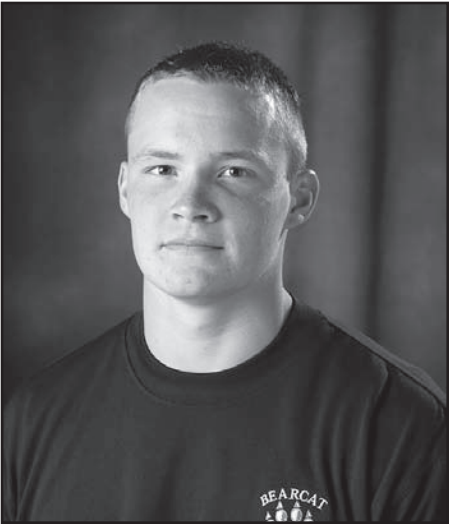
BEARCATS

Blake Christopher

Angela Adams

Jake Soy

Derek Stiens



Senior quarterback Blake Christopher racked up 485 yards of offense and four total touchdowns in Northwest's 52-28 win over Washburn on Saturday.

Senior Angela Adams claimed the MIAA crown in the 6K run in a personal-record time of 21:00.68 at the MIAA Championships on Saturday in Joplin.

Senior wide receiver Jake Soy caught eight balls for 144 yards and two scores in his return from injury, helping Northwest defeat Washburn 52-28 on Saturday.

Junior running back Derek Stiens ran for 246 yards and four touchdowns, including an 83-yarder, on 16 carries in Maryville's 41-14 over St. Pius X on Friday night.

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SETH COOK | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore forward Tori Von Mende attempts to beat a Lindenwood defender to the ball Saturday. Von Mende attempted four shots-on-goal in the ‘Cats’ 1-0 victory in Northwest’s final home game of the year.

Northwest soccer prepares for regular season finale

DALTON VITT
Chief Reporter

The Northwest soccer team travels to Joplin tonight to take on Missouri Southern in their last conference bout of the season. The game will be key in determining third place in the final standings for the MIAA Tournament. “They’re going to be a very tough team to beat,” head coach Tracy Hoza said. “It will be a pretty even match, so we have got to go out there and

beat (Missouri Southern) to every ball.” Hoza made it clear that the Bearcats want to continue their strong play on the road. The Cats lost only one game away from home all season, and Hoza wants to keep it that way. Hoza also said Missouri Southern is big and physical, making them a tough team to beat in the latter part of the season. “We know they’re a really good, physical team,” sophomore goal-

keeper Kelsey Adams said. “So keeping our heads in it and focusing on the game we play will be important for us.” Northwest beat the Lions earlier this season at home, 4-1. Sophomores Tori Von Mende, Emilee Davison, Fiona Moloney and senior Tammie Eiberger scored the Bearcat goals. “We need to keep our head in the game,” sophomore defender Jordan Albright said. “Physically, we are a little tired, but it’s going to be our

mental focus that determines the game.” The Cats’ regular season will come to a close Saturday when they take on Southwest Baptist in Bolivar. Northwest has also already beaten Southwest Baptist once this season, winning 2-0 at home on goals by Von Mende and Eiberger. These last two games of the season will be key for the ‘Cats, who are looking to draw a high seed in the conference tournament. “We have to finish strong,” Hoza

said. “In regards to confidence, obviously we want to finish with the highest seed possible.” The MIAA tournament will begin on Nov. 3rd, and Hoza believes it will be anybody’s game. Heading into the end of the season, Von Mende and Eiberger are tied for the league lead in goals with Alyssa Rhodes from Central Missouri with 10. “It’s the end of the season and we’ve just got to keep going,” Adams said.



SKYE PEPPER | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Angela Adams competes in Northwest’s Bearcat Open Friday, Sept. 9. Adams won the MIAA championship Saturday morning.

Adams claims crown, men finish 2nd

JASON KRAFT
Missourian Reporter

Homecoming weekend left the cross country team with a variety of different emotions after the MIAA Championships in Joplin. The Northwest men’s team finished second place, a vast improvement from their sixth place finish last season. Central Missouri defended their championship from a year ago. It was the Mules’ 14th title overall. ‘Cats head coach Scott Lorek attributes his team’s success to their ability to remain consistent. “We competed and we have been doing that all year,” Lorek said. “We just carried it over to this weekend. Overall, our consistency has really impressed me.” Individually, Northwest had three runners place in the top 15. Senior Zach Layton placed 13th. He finished just behind junior Ryan Darling who placed 12th. Senior TR Pursell led the way for the ‘Cats, finishing in fifth and defending his top five finish from a year ago. His race earned him All-MIAA honors. “Last year I placed third, so ideally I would have finished third again,” Pursell said. “However, I will gladly take a fifth place finish individually and a second place finish as a team over third as an individual and as a team.” The women were a little more disappointed in their effort. They finished in fifth place overall after a third place finish last year. Lorek said they just did not have their best days. However, he is confident they will rebound because of their work

ethic. Individually, two Bearcats earned all-conference honors last Saturday. Sophomore Katti Carroll placed fifth. Senior Angela Adams was crowned the MIAA champion. Adams crossed the finish line first with a 6K time of 21:00:68, a new personal record. Sophomore Katti Carroll placed fifth. “Angela and Katti have really led our team this year,” Lorek said. “They have just been running so fast.” MIAA Commissioner Bob Boerigter told Lorek after the race that Adams’ performance is the type that earns a spot in the Hall of Fame. “Well, I just found out like five seconds ago, so it is still kind of shocking,” Adams said. “It feels kind of like a dream almost.” Up next for both teams is the NCAA South Central Regionals. The race will take place on Nov. 5 in Wichita, Texas. Both teams will look to build on solid showings in regionals last season. The men placed sixth and the women finished in fifth. Over 40 teams from the Lone Star Conference, the Heartland Conference, the Great American Conference and the MIAA will compete at the South Central regional. The teams that finish first and second qualify for the NCAA Championships in Spokane, Wash. on Nov. 19. The men enter the regional as the fourth seed and the women are ninth. “It is going to be a tough road. There are a lot of tough teams,” Lorek said. “However, I do feel like we are good enough to finish in the top two.”

Volleyball team falls in straight sets, back-to-back games on deck

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The Northwest volleyball girls could not put an end to Washburn University’s 15-game winning streak Tuesday night in Topeka, Kan. The fifth-ranked Lady Blues took down the ‘Cats 3-0 for their 16th straight win, which improved their record to 23-1 overall and 10-0 in the MIAA. Northwest fell to 10-13 overall and 4-6 in league play. Northwest hit under .300 in all three sets, losing 25-18, 25-15 and 25-20. “Offensively we played great,” senior setter Laura Akin said. “Tonight was definitely a step up, it was

a lot better than how we played last weekend, but we didn’t play that well defensively. It’s tough to defend a girl who’s 6’5” and hits over our block.” Akin had another solid performance Tuesday night, leading the ‘Cats with 32 assists. Freshman outside hitter Brooke Bartosh set the tone offensively with nine kills and a .400 hitting percentage. “I thought we played pretty well tonight,” head coach Jessica Rinehart said. “Our biggest issue was that we got stuck in one rotation and we just didn’t have an answer for them. We had good energy and I was proud of the way we battled.” “We’ve been working very hard on our offense in practice, so I was

pleased with how we played on that end. Defensively we need to step it up, we needed to pick up more balls and it just didn’t happen. We’ll stress defense this week and get at it in practice.” The ‘Cats return home for back-to-back matches tomorrow and Saturday. Tomorrow the ‘Cats will take on Fort Hays State, who Northwest beat 3-1 Sept. 23 in Hays, Kan. Northwest plays host to Emporia State Saturday afternoon. The ‘Cats lost 3-0 to the Hornets in the first MIAA match of the season for Northwest. “We’ve seen a lot of growth from our girls since the beginning of the season,” Rinehart said. “The problem is that the other teams are

better too, at least if they’re doing things right. So we can’t hang our hats on the fact that we’re playing better right now, we have to come out with a lot of energy and play sound, fundamental volleyball.” With just a handful of games left this season, the ‘Cats know they have no room for error. Northwest is currently sixth in the MIAA, but teams like Missouri Western and Truman State are within reach if the ‘Cats have a strong finish to the season. “Fort Hays has been playing well this year, so that’s a must win for us,” Akin said. “Emporia is a very beatable team, we just need to carry over the energy and execution of the game plan we had during this

Washburn match. We can definitely win both, and I expect us to win both. Winning these two will help us move up in the conference as well, so these are important games for us. We know how important this weekend is, so we’re going to put in a lot of work this week in practice.” Tomorrow night’s game is a 7 p.m. start, while Saturday’s match-up against Emporia will get underway at 3 p.m. “Playing back-to-back is never easy,” Rinehart said. “Especially because we have some girls that are banged up, but that’s no excuse. I expect us to come out with a lot of energy and to battle in both matches. We know this is crunch time and we have no margin for error.”



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A DREAM FOR MORE THAN THE TEAM

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Working at Target with a Mass Communication degree is nobody's dream, but it is where one dream came to fruition.

Katie Dennison was working at Target while Eric Zornes and she had conversations about forming a production company.

Needless to say, Dennison quit Target to pursue her dream.

"I'm not going to go start at Target and lead a different path, since I went to school for (broadcast). It was my passion, so I got out of Target, obviously," Dennison said.

Dennison and Eric Zornes formed Mile Marker 8 Productions in 2009.

After leaving Target, Dennison eventually found a job with Niles Media Group, which produces MIAA sporting events.

But, this is not their story. This is a story of family, a family they are now more ingrained in than they ever imagined.

"There's really nothing like Bearcat football," Dennison said. "The story of the family atmosphere of Maryville, how everyone comes to support this team. Bearcat football is a lot of Maryville. It is just one big family."

The duo was filming weddings, but that was not the purpose of the company.

"It's not what we wanted to do," Zornes said. "It's something that pays the bills, but it wasn't really where the passion was."

"We'd always joked about doing a documentary, and of course doing a documentary is a lot of time and money, stuff with a full-time job you couldn't do."

Back in June, they were tossing around ideas when they heard of Bearcat football coach Scott Bostwick's death.

A series of text messages sealed the deal. "After we heard about Scott Bostwick, we text each other," Zornes said. "I text her and said 'You know what we need to do?' And she's like 'Make a documentary about Northwest Missouri State football.'"

July was filled with making arrangements to do the filming. Zornes said everyone was really receptive to the idea that they had.

"We met with A.D. (head coach Adam Dorrel) in the middle of July and he loved the idea," Zornes said. "We kind of expected to get shot down because you're allowing a camera into the locker room. I've been in A.D.'s home with my camera. They've been unbelievable people and team to work with."

Dorrel said he was apprehensive at first about the project, but has enjoyed seeing Zornes and Dennison interact with, and get to know, the players.

"They've been very cordial, and it's been fun to watch them interact with our kids," Dorrel said. "The personal touch that they're putting on the project, you can truly tell they're Northwest alums."

They wanted to share with the world that family atmosphere they had experienced in their time here and show how the community comes together as Bearcat Nation, especially

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Circumstances bring "Dream Season" to fruition for team

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Phrases like dream team, dream scenario, dream matchup and dream season are used to describe an unimaginable circumstance in sports.

The 1992 Dream Team with Michael Jordan, Charles Barkley, Larry Bird and Magic Johnson was the original and only Dream Team that the world has ever seen, contrary to what Vince Young says. They destroyed all the teams in their path, winning by an average of 43.75 points a game during the '92 Olympics.

St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony LaRussa referred to the pitching matchup between Roy Halladay and Chris Carpenter as a "dream matchup" because they are two of the best pitchers in the league and came up together in the Toronto Blue Jay's organization.

A dream scenario is used in sports to describe an event in which a player can play in a game or join a team that has some type of meaning to them. Former Texas A&M line-backer Von Miller said getting drafted by the Dallas Cowboys would be a dream scenario because that is where he is from.

All these examples describe something perfect, what they think is a dream.

"Dream Season," a documentary based on the 2011 Northwest football team is another example, just not for the reasons one might think.

The movie goes through the trials and tribulations that the Bearcats overcame during this offseason with the retirement of head coach Mel Tjeerdsma, the passing of Scott Bostwick and the promotion of Adam Dorrel.

The usage of the word dream in the title

is used differently than in most situations because, thus far, nothing "dream-worthy" has happened. It is hard to pick one point of the season so far and say, "That moment there made this season a dream."

Northwest is putting together another great season, with one loss on their record to then No. 15 Pittsburg State, but as a team they haven't done anything to shake the sports world.

The events during the offseason and the level of team at Northwest, does make it movie-worthy, though.

As outsiders, we don't know everything that has been and is going on in the locker room and behind the scenes, so it's hard to determine what the players and coaches would consider a dream for themselves.

It's easy to say a national championship would be the ultimate dream for this season. That is still not out of the picture and is a possibility for this team, but that is a dream for all football teams. It wouldn't make it unique for this season, because it's a goal every year.

What if, instead of looking at a single moment, you had to look at the entire body of work?

Starting with the retirement of Tjeerdsma, the early passing of Bostwick, and Dorrel taking over the team.

Then remembering the community, alumni, and campus support of the team and the Bostwick family through their tragic time.

Followed by the sea of red hats in the stands every game, the unveiling of the black jerseys, the dominance on the field almost every week and playing the game the right way every week to represent the way Bostwick would want the game to be played.

Maybe it is a dream season.

Focused Bearcats prepare for long trip to Southern

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The first regional rankings of the season were released Monday, and five MIAA teams highlighted the Super Region 4 list, but the Bearcats have other things on their minds.

"We're not focused on the region rankings, we're focused on Northwest," head coach Adam Dorrel said. "I really feel like we control our own destiny and if you want to keep controlling it, you've got to go out and win."

Northwest is ranked third in the initial pole behind Pittsburg State and Midwestern State of the Lone Star Conference. Washburn is fourth with Missouri Western coming in at No. 7 and Central Missouri rounding out the rankings at No. 10.

The 'Cats have a five hour bus ride tomorrow to get to this Saturday's opponent, Missouri Southern, a team Northwest has beat the last 16 times.

"I've waited a long time to get some games to actually start in, and knowing that this week I'm healthy again, so I can start another football game, it's not hard for me (to get pumped) knowing that these football Saturdays are coming to an end," senior quarterback Blake Christopher said. "We've got to take advantage of every one of them."

The Lions are coming off their biggest win of the season, a 68-28 thrashing of Southwest Baptist.

Southern has won two straight games to get within one game of .500 on the season at 3-4.

"They're going to be a confident football team," Dorrel said. "It's getting down to the end for them, too. I think if they were to win



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Senior quarterback Blake Christopher launches a pass to senior wide receiver Jake Soy. Christopher completed 29-of-37 passes for 406 yards and three touchdowns.

out, they would have a winning record, so I'm sure that's something they're talking about and focusing on because it's something we've talked about."

Lions wideout Landon Zerkel is the sec-

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